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MOTION 10-2

A MOTION to approve amendments to the Countywide Planning Policies FW-18, FW-19 and T-14 to describe the intended relationship between transit service and existing and planned densities, and updating and clarifying language in the framework policies.

WHEREAS, in 2009 the Growth Management Planning Council approved new targets for growth in housing units and employment for all jurisdictions within King County; and

WHEREAS, the Growth Management Planning Council recognized that the new growth targets represented a significant increase in the expectations for some cities; and

WHEREAS, during discussions of the new growth targets, some cities expressed concern about the relationship between growth and the delivery of regional services; and

WHEREAS, the Growth Management Planning Council directed staff to prepare new CPP policy language that would prioritize regional service delivery in ways that promote the regional growth strategy; and

WHEREAS, the interjurisdictional staff team presented its analysis of existing Countywide Planning Policies related to service delivery along with a set of recommended changes at meeting of the Growth Management Planning Council on March 17, 2010;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLANING COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY HEREBY MOVES TO AMEND CERTAIN POLICIES IN THE COUNTYWIDE PLANNING POLICIES AS FOLLOWS:

FW-18 The land use pattern shall be supported by a balanced transportation system, which provides for a variety of mobility options. ~~This system shall be cooperatively planned, financed, and constructed. Mobility options shall include including 1) a high-capacity transit system which links the Urban Centers; and is supported by an extensive high-occupancy vehicle system, local community transit system for 2) a system of bus and other transit modes that links Centers, provides~~ circulation within the Centers, and

links to the non-center Urban Areas; 3) a high-occupancy vehicle system linking Urban Centers; and 4) non-motorized travel options.

FW-19 ~~All jurisdictions in the County, in cooperation with METRO, the Metropolitan Planning Organization, The County and cities should work cooperatively with the Puget Sound Regional Council, and the State, and other relevant agencies to shall finance and develop a balanced transportation system that enhances regional mobility and reinforces and coordinated financing strategies and land use plan which implement regional mobility and reinforce the Countywide vision for managing growth. The Vision 2020~~40 Regional Growth Strategy shall be recognized as the framework for creating a regional system of Centers linked by high-capacity transit and an interconnected system of freeway high-occupancy vehicle lanes, and supported by a transit system of bus and other transit options.

T-14 ~~METRO should develop transit level of service standards which provide the County and cities with realistic service expectations to support adopted land uses and desired growth management objectives. These standards should consider that route spacing and frequency standards are necessary for differing service conditions including:~~

- ~~a. Service between designated Centers served by high-capacity transit;~~
- ~~b. Service between designated Centers not served by high-capacity transit; and~~
- ~~c. Service to areas outside Centers. In support of countywide growth management objectives, transit service throughout the county shall be prioritized to areas where existing housing and employment densities support transit ridership and to Urban Centers and other areas planned for housing and employment densities that will support transit ridership. Transit providers shall also strive to meet the mobility needs of transit-dependent populations in allocating transit service and to provide at least a basic level of service to all urban areas of the county.~~

Adopted by the Growth Management Planning Council of King County on April 28, 2010 in open session, and signed by the chair of the GMPC.

Dow Constantine, Chair, Growth Management Planning Council